



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

VANTHOURNOUT et al.

Serial No.: 10/657,699

Filed: September 9, 2003

For: SHED FORMING DEVICE FOR A WEAVING MACHINE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

To the Director of Patents and Trademarks

Sir:

Before considering this application, kindly amend the application as follows:

Kindly enter and approve the following, which is a clean copy of each replacement paragraph, section, and/or claim incorporating the respective changes made, previously as well as concurrently.

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